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I talk about it in my in processing brief and I am sure many leaders advertise it as well in their safety briefs. On average this program receives about 60% of their calls from Army Soldiers. Yet no one from the Army is involved. It is an excellent program that saves lives and keeps Soldiers out of harms way.

Maybe you will recognize the number, it is 552-HOME. This number will get you a free ride home from anywhere in Anchorage. If you have had too much to drink, or your designated driver started drinking, there is away to get home safely. This program, Airmen Against Drunk Driving has been one of the main reasons Elmendorf has cut their number of DUI's in the past year in half. As of 21 May, we have 13 DUI's, to their 7.

BOSS is going to step up and start volunteering. They need volunteers from 2345-0400 on Fridays and Saturdays. Volunteers work out of the Kashim Club, on Elmendorf. July 6 and 7 is the first set of upcoming BOSS nights. I encourage you to take initiative and volunteer on your own as well. To sign up your squad for a night, or yourself, you can call Airman Sabriena McCallister at 551-4617. She will put you on the schedule.

They need about 15-20 volunteers a night. It is completely run by volunteers, their time, gas, and vehicles are put to use. I hope that BOSS can alleviate the cost to volunteers. Many times Soldiers tip their drivers, which helps.

BOSS will keep track of volunteer hours. If you do volunteer on your own make sure you mark them down in the log at the office in the Kashim Club. As a volunteer you are making a difference, giving back to your community and making it better. I am dedicated to making sure those that volunteer are recognized and rewarded for their altruistic attitude. Maybe you would like to pursue the Military Volunteer Service Medal; BOSS is a great place to start.

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Thank you,

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